

## LPMGA GENERAL MEETING

**CANCELED**

**LPMGA Board  
Meeting**

**ZOOM MEETING  
11:30 AUG. 25TH**

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## Propagation And Fall Sale News

Dear Master Gardeners:

We're moving ahead with plans for our order online, drive through pick up plant sale Friday and Saturday morning 25 and 26 September from 8 -12. If anyone needs hours, we need people to help us put our inventory and plant descriptions in the correct format to publish online. Karen Willingham, our webmaster, has some clear ideas about how to put together a professional looking sales catalog so we will be working with her to make that happen. In addition, we will need help with traffic management and we will need runners to get the orders and put them in people's cars. Please let me know if you're interested in helping - particularly formatting plant information for our sales calendar. We need that right away.

HEATHER

## MEETINGS, KUDOS AND WHAT PLANT AM I

**2019 LPMGA  
General Meetings**  
First Wednesday  
Monthly  
except for July  
Daytime: 12:30pm

**2019 LPMGA Board  
Meetings**  
1pm on Third  
Tuesday of each  
month except July

**Dates, times, topics, and locations  
are subject to change**

September No	September Zoom
October 7	October 20
November 4	November 17
December Social	December 15

# WHAT PLANT AM I?

Do you have a spot in your garden or yard that stays moist and is shady? Then think about planting me. I even tolerate shallow standing water. I can prevent the erosion of pond banks and the banks of streams. My bold-textured fronds, which can exceed 3 feet, are upright and arching and are of slow to moderate growth. I am deciduous and native to the eastern half of North America. My name comes either from a Celtic god or a Scandinavian writer.

My fronds can be male or female. If female, a rust-colored frond produces sporangia, which contain spores. I can be propagated by these spores, or by rhizome division. I'm cold hardy.

My bristly crown of rootstock is the source for a fibrous potting medium for orchids and other epiphytes.

Do you know what plant I am?

See page 8 for the answer.

## Fall Pine Straw, Y'all

It's time for Fall Pine Straw, Y'all! Orders for active MGs only will be taken via phone, email or text. Pick up is Friday and Saturday, Nov 6 and 7th, 8 a.m. to Noon, behind the Demo Gardens, \$8.50 per bale, cash or check payable to LPMGA at pick up, 20 bale maximum. Order early! They go quickly!

Thanks,

Theresa Gore 2007

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## THE DEVENPORT REPORT:



In the last couple of months, I have been working on and releasing short horticultural videos that have been posted on Facebook. I am using the “Lafayette Parish 4-H” page as the site the videos are being posted. Some of the videos I have had posted, through the help of 4-H Agent Cassie Phillips, include: Building Backyard Raised Vegetable Gardens, How to Pick Tomatoes, Leaf Miners in the Vegetable Garden Growing Blueberries, Planting Pollinator Beds to Attract Bees for the Garden, When to Harvest Watermelon, and Sod Webworms in the Lawn. Ms. Phillips is currently editing videos I recently made on different insects causing problems on Citrus.

These videos are meant to be timely and I would appreciate that you watch and “share” on Facebook. Stan Dutile and I are working on one regarding “How to Take a Soil Sample”. The LSU AgCenter and the Lafayette Parish Extension Service’s mission is education, and this is a way for us to reach the public during this pandemic.

As I mentioned in my last report that Tropical Sod Webworms were being reported in our area and that’s why we made our latest video. We definitely are seeing higher reporting and I’m receiving several phone calls each week on lawns being invaded by moths.

I hope you all will enjoy the videos and please stay safe!

**LSU AgAgent Dan Devenport**

# How to prune your Hydrangeas

By Barbara Mcconnell

EVERYBODY'S FAVE SUMMER GARDEN FLOWERS WITH THE HUGE FLOWER HEADS ARE THE HYDRANGEA SHRUB. BUT IF YOU PRUNE INCORRECTLY OR AT THE WRONG TIME, YOU MAY DESTROY THE CHANCE OF FUTURE BLOOMS.

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO WHICH TYPE OF HYDRANGEA YOU HAVE, ACCORDING TO STEPHEN ORR OF "THE DIRT" VIDEO SERIES, AND SHERYL GEERTS IN A FEBRUARY 2020 ARTICLE, BOTH FOR *BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS MAGAZINE*.

ORR SAYS WE ALL HAVE A TENDENCY TO OVER PRUNE SHRUBS, AND WE MAY NOT HAVE TO PRUNE AT ALL. BUT IF THE STEMS GET A LITTLE TALL AND FLOPPY, MAYBE SNIP AWAY A LITTLE THEN. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY IS KNOWING THE TIME OF YEAR TO DO IT, AND THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT TYPE OF HYDRANGEA YOU HAVE. (THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO TYPES BUT THE AUTHORS KEPT IT SIMPLE.)

HYDRANGEA *MACROPHYLLA* OR "BIG LEAF" TYPES WITH GREEN STEMS NEED TO BE PRUNED AFTER THEY STOP BLOOMING;

HYDRANGEA *PANICULATA* HAS A WOODY STEM AND NEEDS TO BE PRUNED IN EARLY SPRING.

AS FOR PLANTING, ORR'S **HINT #1**: THAT CAN BE SPRING, SUMMER OR FALL BUT PLANT TO THE DEPTH OF THE POT THEY CAME IN AND CHECK THE HANGTAG FOR SPACING. FOR EXAMPLE, OAKLEAF HYDRANGEAS GET REALLY HUGE, BUT THEN A DWARF DOESN'T TAKE UP MUCH ROOM AT ALL.

**HINT #2- WATER!** HYDRANGEA, THE WORD 'WATER' IS IN ITS NAME. SO, DO IT-GIVE PLENTY. IF THEY DO GO WITHOUT WATERING AND THE FLOWERHEADS TURN BROWN, GO AHEAD, AND KEEP THEM WATERED, BUT THERE ISN'T MUCH YOU CAN DO EXCEPT CUT THE FLOWERS OFF TO THE FIRST GREEN LEAF. YOUR PLANT WILL NOT BE MUCH GOOD FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR, BUT IT SHOULD BOUNCE BACK THE NEXT.

GEERTS IN HER ARTICLE AGREES THAT IT IS CONFUSING BECAUSE THE DIFFERENT HYDRANGEA TYPES DO REQUIRE DIFFERENT PRUNING METHODS, YET SHE BELIEVES THAT PRUNING CAN HELP TO KEEP YOUR PLANTS HEALTHY AND ACHIEVE THE SHAPE YOU WOULD LIKE.

**HER TIP?**- SHE ADVISES IT IS BEST NOT TO REMOVE MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF THE HYDRANGEA PLANT AT ANY ONE TIME WHEN IT IS ACTIVELY GROWING.

SO, WHICH ONE DO YOU HAVE?

THE ENDLESS SUMMER® HYDRANGEA IS AN OAKLEAF *MACROPHYLLA*- YOU KNOW THE KIND THAT TURN BLUE IF IN ACID SOIL, AND PINK IN ALKALINE. AFTER BLOOMING AND THE FLOWERS HAVE FADED, GEERTS ADVISES TRIMMING WITH SHARP, CLEAN PRUNERS TO THE LEAF SET, USUALLY SOMETIME LATER IN SUMMER. THEN THE SHRUB WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO PRODUCE NEW GROWTH WHERE NEXT YEAR'S BUDS WILL FORM.



FOR *PANICULATAS* LIKE 'LIMELIGHT', IF YOU WANT LOTS OF FRESH NEW GROWTH AND FLOWERS LATER THAT YEAR, OR TO BUSH OUT A SPINDLY PLANT, CUT TO ABOUT A FOOT ABOVE GROUND IN EARLY SPRING BUT AVOID DOING SO WHEN FLOWER BUDS ARE OPENING.



## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT SEPTEMBER 2020

As we move into the Autumn of this very challenging year, please remember that the requirement for recorded hours has been lowered to 20 hours total. This can be made up of any combination of Volunteer and/or Continuing Education hours. If you have questions, or need help finding ways to earn your hours please contact your Volunteer Coordinator Louann McClelland-Long (337) 501-7998 or mglouann@gmail.com

If you need a copy of the Roster, please contact Corresponding Secretary Ellen Garacci at frankelen@cox.net The Roster file also includes Committee contacts.

Some suggestions for earning hours: While most of our activities and events are currently on hold, members of our Propagation team have been hard at work on our Online Plant Sale. Contact Heather Warner-Finley for information about how you can help.

Contact Karen Willingham if you would like to help with our LMGA website.

Get in touch with Chuck Schrader (chuckandkateschrader@gmail.com) to help at the LARC Garden.

Our YouTube channel is a great way to earn your 20 hours at home. Meagan Stogsdill, who manages our YouTube and Instagram accounts, is looking for submissions for both platforms. If you would like to create presentations (whether you want to present them yourself or not), or even want to submit photos from your own garden with some information on what you're growing or gardening tips, there are tons of ways to gain hours. Contact Meagan Stogsdill at lmgmeagan@gmail.com

Email Mary Perrin for information about working at the Medicinal garden at Vermilionville. Reach Mary at: mlbperrin@gmail.com

Year To Date Service Hour Totals Report	2020 LPMGA VOLUNTEER/CONTINUING EDUCATION HOUR REPORT JAN-JULY 2020													
	Activity Hours Totals By Details Report	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Total Hrs 2574.26	4H & Other Youth Activities	93.7	98.5	12.5	9	8	42	12.5						339.0
Total Vol Hrs 1968.85	Attending Bus/Admin Meetings	23.5	16.5	17.75	0	0	25.2	0						92.9
Total CE 605.41	Civic & Community	293	181.25	192.5	6.5	5.5	24.5	164.25						1115.25
Individual Contacts 2265	Continuing Education	0	2	4.5	0	0	0	0						18.5
Total Contacts 29603	Extension Activities	50.5	45.5	48	13	20	14.5	75.5						283.0
Mileage 11000.05	LMG Teaching Activities	18.5	33	23.7	0	0	30	8						120.2
Expenses 987.50	Volunteer Activities Totals Volunteer Hours Summary Report	479.2	376.75	298.95	28.5	33.5	136.2	140.92						1968.85
	Continuing Education Totals Volunteer Hours Summary Report	90.45	98.2	45.78	17.5	4	120.6	260.25						605.41

Updated 8/19/2020. The 2020 monthly totals may change throughout the year since hours may be recorded in previous months during the year.

Chart totals for previous months are not updated monthly.

REDUCED REQUIREMENT 2020: 20 hours total of any combination of Volunteer and/or Continuing Education hours are required.



May Vidacovich spent July creating this new flower bed. It is 16 feet by 68 feet.

I love the combination of colors and plants. She used different shades of blue for her pots and a combination of Curcuma, Japanese Maple, Phlox and Camelias to create a true piece of horticultural art.

## HOW TO REPURPOSE A GEORGE FORMAN STAND UP GILL



When T Gore's neighbor placed his old used up...broken..grill at the curb she asked him if she could have it. He told her it did not work any longer. But LPMG T Gore knew it would work out just fine for her purpose.

The picture on the Right is what she created out of her neighbors broken grill. Sure does not look broken now!



## BEAUTYBERRY/CATNIP INSECT REPELLENT

DR. MARY ANN ARMBRUSTER

FILL A POT WITH BEAUTYBERRY LEAVES AND COVER WITH WATER. BRING TO A BOIL, LOWER HEAT, AND SIMMER FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR. STRAIN AND DISCARD LEAVES-ADD TO YOUR COMPOST! ALLOW LIQUID TO COOL.

REPEAT THE PROCESS USING CATNIP. THEN, YOU SHOULD MIX TOGETHER ABOUT THE SAME VOLUME OF LIQUID FOR BOTH. ITS USABLE BUT YOU MAY WANT TO ADD THE ESSENTIAL OIL OF YOUR CHOICE FROM THIS LIST:

CITRONELLA	LAVENDER	TEA TREE
BASIL	PEPPERMINT	ROSEMARY
MARIGOLD	BERGAMOT	LEMONGRASS
CATNIP	EUCALYPTUS	LEMON EUCALYPTUS

MIX A SCENT YOU LIKE AND THE BUGS DON'T!

PUT IN A SPRAY BOTTLE AND SHAKE WELL BEFORE APPLYING.



BEAUTYBERRY



CATNIP



### PERENNIAL BED NEEDS FACELIFT!

Since returning to work in the Demo Beds in July, the plants in the Perennial Bed have been completely removed due to overgrowth and excessive weeds! Plastic will be laid down to suppress future growth of the weeds and new plants are being considered. What a great opportunity for someone to create a new interesting and educational bed.

There is currently no chairman for this bed so if you're able and willing, I'd love to work with you!

Gail Wakefield

# WHAT PLANT AM I ANSWER



Royal Fern

**Osmunda regalis var. spectabilis :**

Royal fern var. spectabilis

( now considered as Osmunda spectabilis)



Sporangia



Osmund Fiddlehead

## PASSIFLORA INCAMATA



Passiflora incarnata, known as maypop, purple passionflower, true passionflower, wild apricot, and wild passion vine, is a fast-growing perennial vine with climbing or trailing stems. A member of the passionflower genus Passiflora, the purple passionflower has large, intricate flowers with prominent styles and stamens.

I have this planted in a butterfly garden at my fishing camp in the basin, and the Gulf Coast Fritillary Butterflies are busy laying eggs while their caterpillars are busy munching leaves! I have pretty good-sized brood this year, and usually have half a dozen butterflies hovering around. I also have passiflora alba the white passionflower in the garden. Both varieties attract butterflies, but they like the purple one the best.

Don Weintritt



SUNSET BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE RECLAIM BICYCLES TO  
“GET IT GROWING”



LPMG, Christy Adams 2003, and the beautification committee of Sunset used the down time during COVID to create places of beauty in their town.

They painted bicycles all the same bright happy yellow and then planted baskets of fresh flowers to hang on them. They are now each taking a turn at taking out the old tired flowers and planting new ones.

Even the actual young, we are all young at heart in the LPMGA, got into the project and helped out.



## KUDO'S

KUDO'S go out to the graduating class of 2019. You completed your course work and were ready to get to work as brand new Lafayette Parish Master Gardener volunteers. Then COVID comes to town and everything shuts down and there is no where to volunteer.

You have joined a very special organization, that provides companionship, knowledge, learning, and boundless opportunities to work within your community. Hang in there and you will be very glad you did. MBG

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**NOTHING YET!**  
**But hopefully**  
**coming soon!**

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